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Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application of:

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For: Method for Establishing a Drive Image in a Computing Environment.

This application claims the benefit of provisional U.S. Application Serial No. 60/282,111, filed April 7, 2001, and titled "Method for Establishing a Drive Image in a Computing Environment."

Enclosed are: (a) Fifteen (15) pages of specification;

(b) Seven (7) pages of claims;

(c) One (1) page of abstract; and

(d) Five (5) sheets of drawings.

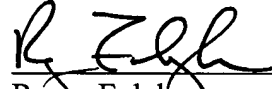
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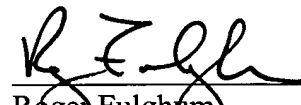
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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

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